Motor vehicles in Metros

3343. SHRINARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

the total number of motor vehicles on the roads at present;

the number of motor vehicles expected to be on the roads in three years;

the total area of road miles existing in the metros today;

the addition that is planned for the next three years; and

(e) whether there is an action plan to deal with the chaotic traffic situation in our cities, which is leading to verty high level of pollution specially in the metros?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) As per the latest available data the total number of registered motor vehicles in the country as on 31st March 2004 was 7,27,17,935.

The number of motor vehicles had steadily increased at an average rate of 10% per annum during the years 1994—2004. With this rate of increase, the number of motor vehicles in three years *i.e.* by the year 2011 is expected to be around 14,17,06,681.

Urban transport is a State subject. Information relating to total area of road miles in metro cities is not compiled by this Ministry.

and (e) As per the information obtained from Ministry of Urban Development, Urban transport is a State Subject, however, realizing seriousness of rapidly growing problem of urban transportation, Government has approved National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP) in April, 2006. The policy provides guidelines to the States/cities to design their urban transport strategies.

The Government also provides Central financial assistance for urban transport projects throguh various schemes like Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), Scheme of Ministry of Finance for financial support to Public Private Partnership in infrastructure and budgetary support etc.

Further, to address various issues of urban transportation, advisory letters have been issued to all States/UTs for prioritizing investment in public transportation, non-motorised mode of transport, running of city bus service on Public Private Partnership (PPP) model, * integration of land use and transport planning, developing parking policy and using intelligent transport system for integration across various modes of transport and traffic management etc.

Road accident death figures

3344. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a)the number of persons killed in the road accident during the last two years;

(b) whether this number of deceased is less or more than the number of persons killed in the road accidents during the two years preceding the said years; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.